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TOPIC Maneuvers and Troop Movements in ARNSTADT Area

EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_

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REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

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20 September 1949

1. By order of the ARNSTADT (M 51/J 25) County Kommandatura an 8 p.m. curfew was imposed on the German population, effective 21 September 1949. Large-scale troop movements were scheduled in this area for the same day.

27 September 1949

2. An artillery unit with 15 short-barreled 150-mm guns detrained in ARNSTADT and left toward OHRDRUF (M 51/J 15). 50X1-HUM

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28 September 1949

3. A troop convoy, the trucks was observed moving from the direction of OHRDRUF toward ARNSTADT.

30 September 1949

4. The following vehicles passed through ARNSTADT, heading toward OHRDRUF:

9M-34 tanks with 4 trucks and 5 tank trucks.

Truck \_\_\_\_\_ with about 75-mm mortar

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Trucks \_\_\_\_\_  
with about 100-mm mortars

Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ towing 76-2-mm AT guns

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29 September to 5 October 1949

- 5A. Very heavy military vehicle traffic was observed in the ARNSTADT area. The roads to ERFURT (N 51/J [ ]), CHADRUF HAARHAUSEN (N 51/J [ ]) and HOLZHAUSEN (N 51/J [ ]) were closed to civilian traffic.

3 October 1949

- 6.b. Seven T 34 tanks, coming from the direction of CHADRUF, moved through ARNSTADT during the night.

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6. 6 October 1949

Twelve T 34 tanks and eight trucks [ ]  
[ ] towing 76.2-mm AT guns were encountered in ARNSTADT.

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6 October 1949

7. The following vehicles, coming from the direction of CHADRUF, passed through ARNSTADT:

8 armored reconnaissance cars with 76.2-mm AT guns

4 SP guns on T 34 chassis

3 trucks [ ] occu-  
pied by troops and towing 35-mm AT guns

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8 trucks [ ]  
occupied by troops

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14 trucks [ ] occupied  
by troops and towing two field kitchens

5 trucks [ ] towing 50X1-HUM

57-mm AT guns [ ] towing 50X1-HUM

3 trucks [ ] towing 50X1-HUM

4 trucks [ ] towing 50X1-HUM

57-mm AA guns [ ]

3 trucks [ ] 50X1-HUM

12 prime movers towing about 80-mm AT guns  
artillery truck column [ ]  
[ ] and several 100-mm howitzers.

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8. The following vehicles, coming from the direction of CHADRUF, moved through ARNSTADT:

5 trucks [ ] towing 50X1-HUM

76.2-mm AT guns [ ] towing 50X1-HUM

5 trucks [ ] towing 50X1-HUM

76.2-mm AT guns [ ]

Truck convoys [ ] 50X1-HUM

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9. The following vehicles, coming from the direction of CHADRUF, passed through ARNSTADT: 50X1-HUM

6 trucks [ ] occupied by  
troops and towing 57-mm AT guns

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10. 14 to 20 October 1949

a. No military vehicle traffic observed in the ARNSTADT area.

18 October 1949

b. Continuous fire of heavy weapons heard from the direction of CHADRUF.

23 October 1949

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11. A convoy of nine tank trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] passed through ARNSTADT and proceeded toward ENFURT.

25 October 1949

12. Trucks [redacted] occupied by troops, coming from the direction of CHADRUF, passed through ARNSTADT. 50X1-HUM

Comment:

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a. All reported troop movements are believed to be connected with the large-scale Eighth Gds Army maneuvers in the CHADRUF area.

b. [redacted] the 50X1-HUM  
troops observed in the CHADRUF-ARNSTADT area mainly belonged to component units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.

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